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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Xiang et al.

Serial No.: 09/828,498

Filed: April 5, 2001

For: FULL-LENGTH GB VIRUS C  
(HEPATITIS G VIRUS) RNA  
TRANSCRIPTS ARE INFECTIOUS IN  
PRIMARY CD4 POSITIVE T CELLS  
AND METHODS OF TREATING HIV

Group Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: Winkler, Ulrike

Atty. Dkt. No.: IOWA:030US

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2002**

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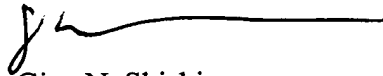
This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 6, 2002 for which the date for response is October 6, 2002.

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In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-11, *i.e.*, the Group I claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3081 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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